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E.O.11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CONFERENCE OF "PROGRESSIVE PARTIES" OF INDIAN OCEAN

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1. IN COURSE DECEMBER 13 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT RENE, CHARGE INQUIRED IF THERE WERE ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN EFFORT TO CONVENE MEETING OF "PROGRESSIVE PARTIES" OF INDIAN OCEAN. RENE RESPONDED THAT HE HAD READ AND WAS SURPRISED BY REPORT IN MAURITIAN PRESS (REPORTED REFTEL B) THAT MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT (MMM) SECRETARY GENERAL PAUL BERENGER HAD ANNOUNCED MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN SEYCHELLES IN FEBRUARY 1978. RENE CLAIMED HE HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM BERENGER SINCE MID-SEPTEMBER WHEN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED HERE AT END OF VISIT OF MMM LEADERS STATED SEYCHELLES WAS POSSIBLE CONFERENCE SITE ALONG WITH ANTANANARIVO (REFTEL C).

2. RENE SAID HE HAD JUST LEARNED THAT MADAGASCAR PRESIDENT
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RATSIRAKA FEELS ANTANANARIVO MIGHT NOT BE SUITABLE VENUE SINCE IT MIGHT LEAD TO UNWANTED IMPRESSION THAT MADAGASCAR, AS LARGEST COUNTRY AMONG PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS (OTHERS ARE MAURITIUS, COMOROS, REUNION AND SEYCHELLES) WAS ATTEMPTING TO DOMINATE GROUP.

3. RENE, WHO SHOWED NO PARTICULAR ENTHUSIASM FOR CONFERENCE TO

BE HELD IN SEYCHELLES, SAID HE HAD TOLD BERENGER (WHO HAS ACTED AS PRIME MOVER FOR CONFERENCE) THAT SEYCHELLES WAS NOT PREPARED TO PICK UP THE TAB FOR TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS FOR CONFERENCE DELEGATIONS. IN ADDITION, RENE ADDED HE IS UNDECIDED AS TO WHETHER IT PREFERABLE FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS TO REPRESENT POLITICAL PARTIES (AS CURRENTLY ENVISIONED) OR STATES. HE OPINED THAT, AT LEAST IN THE CASE OF MAURITIUS AND REUNION, MULTI-PARTY "NATIONAL REPRESENTATION" WOULD BE DESIRABLE.
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